

taken while she was a member of the California Assembly and Senate where she managed to get more than 60 legislative bills signed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson.

With the support of Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Lee says she will monitor the progress of her bill in the U.S. Senate.

Lee confidently pointed to the portion of Oakland seen from her 10th floor office in the Dellums Federal Building and said, "I know that the legislative process from bill to law and then to funding is dynamic. But I will be vigilant. No stone will go unturned because this disease knows no boundaries. The whole world is at risk to this AIDS pandemic of biblical proportion."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. introduced S2033 as a companion bill and its language has been included in the Helms/Biden Foreign Affairs Technical Assistance Act. Lee's proposed trust fund, housed at the World Bank, would use its leveraging capacity to increase the resources for the fund. Lee envisions esteemed world leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Ron Dellums as part of the fund's governance structure to assure that the monies go to needy regions.

GIANTS' SHOULDERS

How did a newly elected congresswoman who represents the most left-of-center constituency in the country manage to get arch-conservative Republican Sen. Jesse Helms to support the intent of her legislation while simultaneously coordinating grassroots organizations and AIDS service organizations?

"With a lot of hard work," Lee said. "I can stand up to the legislative leaders in both parties because I stand on the shoulders of giants who preceded me."

With an earnestness and conviction she pointed to the photos depicting some of the causes, neighborhoods and political leaders she's worked for or with and said "every time I walk past the Lionel Wilson Building, Elihu Harris Building, Judge Don McCull statue and into the Dellums Federal building, I'm humbled by the awesome responsibility. And, because I have been blessed to have been connected to all those giants, I won't lose my focus."

Lee's office is encouraging the public to join the African American Walking Tour of Downtown Oakland Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She praised the African American Museum and Library (AAMLO), the Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA), the Oakland Tours Program, and the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey for collaborating on the tours.

"I want all children and families, especially African Americans, to tour these places because it reminds me of my childhood in El Paso, Texas when I first started seeking answers to the questions of who I was and where I came from," said Lee.

She said she will invite her congressional colleagues, who will be in Oakland August 12 seeking solutions to issues of housing affordability, redlining, neighborhood reinvestment and undercapitalization, to also participate in the walking tours as well as Oakland's Chabot Science Center. Lee, a Mills College and University of California, Berkeley graduate, is also helping to find funding to make the Chabot Center a magnet for math, science and astronomy for children. "I want the first astronauts to Mars to come from my district," she says.

Eleven million of the world's 14 million AIDS deaths are in Africa.

"Africa is the epicenter of this epidemic. We need to declare a global state-of-emergency, like we pioneered in Alameda County, and provide the money to fund strategies to address the AIDS deaths," Lee said.

"This disease has plagued us like the Bubonic Plague once did and it knows no

boundaries. It is not just found in Africa. It is moving swiftly in India, Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean as well," Lee said.

And here in Alameda County, she warns of a corresponding calamity facing African Americans because she says the statistical profile of AIDS incidence shows a reversal of infection rates that once were 70 to 30 percent white to non-white that are now the exact opposite.

IN HONOR OF THE 40 JOURNALISTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES PURSUING THE NEWS IN 1999

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, the commemoration of World Press Freedom Day was held in May, when the names of journalists who have died covering the news were added to The Freedom Forum Journalists Memorial located in Arlington, Virginia. There were 40 people who died in 1999 in their efforts to bring us the news from around the world.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these journalists who risked their lives to bring us the news about many dangerous places in the world, from Sierra Leone to Chechnya to Bosnia to Kosovo. Were it not for their courage and bravery, perhaps the world would never have known about the horrors and the atrocities that have been and are now taking place there.

The deadliest country from which to report last year was the nation of Sierra Leone, as 10 journalists died there in 1999—the most in any one country. Sierra Leone has been a battlefield that has taken the lives of many of the world's finest journalists, including the most recent casualties that are still fresh in many of our minds—Reuters correspondent Kurt Schork and Associated Press cameraman Miguel Gil Moreno de Mora, who, along with four Sierra Leone soldiers, were shot to death there just two weeks ago in a rebel ambush.

Mr. Speaker, I am sharing with our colleagues a news release from the Newseum and also a list of the names of the 40 journalists who died in 1999.

THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO JOURNALISTS WHO DIED COVERING THE NEWS SINCE 1812 TO BE ADDED TO JOURNALISTS MEMORIAL

CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE ON WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY, MAY 3, AT 11 A.M.

ARLINGTON, VA.—The names of 332 journalists who died covering the news since 1812, including 40 journalists killed in 1999, will be added May 3 to The Freedom Forum Journalists Memorial. The memorial, located in Freedom Park, now pays tribute to 1,369 reporters, editors, photographers and broadcasters killed as a result of covering the news. May 3 also marks World Press Freedom Day.

Thomas Johnson, chairman and chief executive officer of the CNN News, will speak at the 11 a.m. ceremony in Freedom Park, following readings by journalists of names on the memorial. The ceremony will be attended by friends, family members and colleagues of journalists honored on the memorial, as well as representatives of the news organizations for which the slain journalists worked.

Two hundred and ninety-two of the names to be added are of journalists who died be-

tween 1812 and the end of 1998. These deaths were discovered or verified during ongoing research conducted by The Freedom Forum since the memorial was originally dedicated in May 1996. The remaining 40 names are those journalists killed last year.

"Sadly, we have learned that by this time next year, it is likely that another 30 to 40 journalists will have died pursuing the truth," said Charles L. Overby, chairman and chief executive officer of The Freedom Forum. "We must never forget them, and we hope this memorial will be a part of their legacy."

Myles Tierney of Associated Press Television News is one of the names being added to the memorial. The 34-year-old American producer was covering Sierra Leone's civil war when a rebel fighter opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle on the car Tierney was traveling in, killing him instantly.

Sierra Leone was the deadliest country for journalists in 1999, with ten deaths occurring there. Latin America, particularly Colombia, remains a dangerous place for those covering stories about politics, drug trafficking and organized crime.

Popular political satirist Jaime Garzon was shot five times in the head and chest while driving to his Bogota radio station. He had been threatened repeatedly by Carlos Castano, leader of the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia, a right-wing paramilitary organization fighting against leftist guerrillas. Garzon had scheduled a meeting with Castano Aug. 14, the day after he was killed.

"In an age of information overload, it is easy to forget that there are people still willing to die for journalism," said Peter S. Prichard, president of The Free Forum and Newseum. "The memorial reminds us what sacrifices journalists are willing to make for a free press."

Journalists' names are added each year to the glass panels of the monument, which stands at the apex of Freedom Park, adjacent to the Newseum and The Freedom Forum World Center in Arlington, VA.

Research by Freedom Forum staff and the Committee to Protect Journalists documents incidents where journalists were killed or died while covering the news. Some were killed reporting on wars, natural disasters or violent crimes, some were injured or fell ill while on assignment, and some were murdered to silence their reporting. Journalists who died as a result of accidents unrelated to an assignment are not listed, nor are those who instigated the violence that caused their deaths. An independent panel of journalists and journalism historians reviews difficult cases.

A list of the names of the 40 journalists who died in 1999 is attached. To view a database listing the 1,369 memorialized journalists, their affiliations and the circumstances of their death, visit the Newseum online at www.freedomforum.org/newseumnews/memorial.asp or www.newseum.org/newseum/aboutthenewseum/freedompark.htm#memorial.

The Newseum, the only interactive museum of news, takes visitors behind the scenes to see and experience how and why news is made. The 72,000-square-foot Newseum is funded by The Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The Newseum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. Freedom Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

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Ricardo Gangeme—El Informador Chubutense (Argentina) in Argentina.

Jaime Garzon—Radionet (Colombia) in Colombia.

Pablo Emilio Medina Motta—TV Garzon (Colombia) in Colombia.

Guzman Quintero Torres—El Pilon (Colombia) in Colombia.

Hernando Rangel Moreno—Freelance, in Colombia.

Luis Alberto Rincon Solano—Freelance, in Colombia.

Alberto Sanchez Tovar—Producciones Colombia (Colombia) in Colombia.

Roberto Julio Torres—Emisora Fuentes de Cartagena (Colombia) in Colombia.

Agus Muliawan—Asia Press International (Japan) in Indonesia.

Supriadi—Medan Pos (Indonesia) in Indonesia.

Sander Thoenes—Financial Times (United Kingdom) in Indonesia.

Ilan Roeh—Israel Radio (Israel) in Lebanon.

Samuel Boyi—The Scope (Nigeria) in Nigeria.

Fidelis Ikwuebe—Freelance, in Nigeria.

Sam Nimfa-Jan—Details (Nigeria) in Nigeria.

Oleg Chervonyuk—Metropress Agency (Russia) in Russia.

Supian Ependiyev—Groznsky Rabochiy (Russia) in Russia.

Shamil Gigayev—Nokh Cho TV (Russia) in Russia.

Ramzan Mezhidov—TV Tsentr (Russia) in Russia.

Valentina Neverova—Pravo (Russia) in Russia.

Lyubov Sloboda—Vesti (Russia) in Russia.

Alpha Amadu Bah Bah—Independent Observer (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Jenner Cole—SKY-FM (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Abdulai Jumah Jalloh—African Champion (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Mabay Kamara—Freelance, in Sierra Leone.

Mohammed Kamara—SKY-FM (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Paul Mansaray—Standard Times (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

James Ogo—Concord Times (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Conrad Roy—Expo Times (Sierra Leone) in Sierra Leone.

Myles Tierney—Associated Press Television News (USA) in Sierra Leone.

Munir Turay—Freelance, in Sierra Leone.

Anura Priyantha Cooray—Independent Television Network (Sri Lanka) in Sri Lanka.

Rohana Kumara—Satana (Sri Lanka) in Sri Lanka.

Vasthian Anthony Mariyadas—Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (Sri Lanka) in Sri Lanka.

Indika Pathinivasan—Maharaja Television Network (Sri Lanka) in Sri Lanka.

Michelle Lima—KSAT-TV (USA) in Texas.

Ahmet Taner Kislali—Cumhuriyet (Turkey) in Turkey.

Slavko Curuvija—Dnevni Telegraph (Yugoslavia) in Yugoslavia.

Gabriel Gruener—Stern (Germany) in Yugoslavia.

Volker Kraemer—Stern (Germany) in Yugoslavia.

IN HONOR OF MRS. GILBERT T. ADAMS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today with great sadness I honor Viola Mae Joss Adams,

who passed away Thursday, June 1, 2000. Viola Adams, known affectionately by all who knew her as Vi, was a woman of grace and elegance.

She was also a woman of intelligence and character. After graduating from high school in 1924 at the age of 16, she continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin. She graduated in 1929 with a double major in English and psychology and went on to teach high school.

Vi met Gilbert T. Adams during her time in Austin, and in 1932 they were married during the Great Depression on "a borrowed fifty dollars and a dime store ring." Vi and Gilbert subsequently moved to Gilbert's hometown of Beaumont, and she became a vital part of the civic life of her new community.

Mrs. Adams championed the issue of safety and received national recognition for her effort to see that every home in the country had first aid training. President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized the value of Mrs. Adams' work and mandated that first aid be taught in public schools. An active Democrat, and a proud supporter of her husband's professional and political endeavors, Gilbert and Vi Adams were recognized by the Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson administrations for their contributions to our democratic process.

A woman strongly devoted to her family, Mrs. Adams had four children: Gilbert Timbrell Adams, Jr., John D'Estang Adams, Elizabeth Vi Adams, and Patricia Ann Adams. She also was graced during her lifetime with eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Viola Adams was a remarkable woman who was committed to her community, her country, and above all, her family. She was generous in spirit and was of deep religious conviction. She was of the utmost character, and her attributes of selflessness and commitment to others are rare gifts that this nation was lucky to have. With her passing, a great loss will be felt in the spirit and the heart of Beaumont.

COMMENDING THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP FOR ADDRESSING OVER FOUR DECADES OF INJUSTICE AND EXTENDING TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation, along with Congressman ROTHMAN, commending the member countries of the United Nations' Western European and Others Group (WEOG) for addressing four decades of discrimination in the UN and admitting Israel as a temporary, conditional member to that regional bloc.

For those of my colleagues who are unfamiliar with this issue, this is an important milestone for Israel because it places them firmly on the road to becoming a fully participating member of the United Nations. In order to be a fully participating member of the United Nations, countries must serve in a regional group.

Members of regional groups select member states on a rotating basis to serve on important United Nations bodies such as the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. Because of anti-Israeli sentiment, Israel has been denied the opportunity to serve in the Asian States Group at the United Nations, even though it geographically belongs in that bloc.

Until such time as Israel can be an effective member of the Asian States Group, Israel has expressed a strong desire to serve on WEOG. WEOG consists of Western Europe, the United States, Canada, Turkey, New Zealand and Australia.

The struggle to gain Israel membership in WEOG has been a long and difficult one. And, until last week, one thought to be impossible by some. But, with Congressional support, dedicated individuals in the Clinton Administration, such as Vice President AL GORE and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke, were able to raise this issue with the highest levels of WEOG member governments and make it a clear priority. I thank them for all of their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Congressional support for Israel's acceptance into WEOG is very strong. Last October, I led a letter to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke signed by over 60 members, requesting that he make Israel's membership in WEOG a high priority. Additionally, legislation introduced by Congressman ROTHMAN calling for full equality at the United Nations for Israel has 63 cosponsors. I am proud to be an original sponsor of this legislation.

So Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate, for we have achieved something truly notable. However, the struggle for Israeli acceptance continues.

Israel's membership in WEOG is only temporary and must be reevaluated in four years. Additionally, Israel cannot participate as a WEOG member in meetings in Geneva, or on the Human Rights Committee at the United Nations. Although I have a great deal of respect for the human rights efforts of the U.N., they have been particularly unkind to Israel and it is a bitter pill to swallow to have them excluded from this committee.

This legislation, "Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others Group for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership to the state of Israel," also mentions the new hurdles that must be overcome to finally gain Israel status as a full member of the United Nations. It urges the WEOG member countries to admit Israel as permanent member, without conditions, until such time as she can play an effective part as a member of the Asian group.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all of my colleagues to give strong consideration to cosponsoring this legislation. It took four decades to get Israel this far; it must not take as long to reach the final goal of full membership for Israel.

I would again like to thank my friend and colleague, STEVEN ROTHMAN, for his help and leadership on this issue. I would also like to thank Vice President GORE, along with Ambassador Holbrooke, for working so hard and keeping the pressure on the WEOG member countries. A copy of the legislation follows.

Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others